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Contact Brush Seal Augmented
Labyrinth Seal"

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

It is hereby respectfully requested that the subject Application be made special and advanced for appeal.

This Application was filed April 9, 1999, and has been delayed in the Patent Office since that time, even though the Application as filed requested an Interference with another patent. As provided in MPEP 37 C.F.R. 1.607(b), "When an Applicant seeks an Interference with a patent, examination of the patent, including any appeal to the Board shall be conducted with special dispatch within the Patent and Trademark Office."

It is respectfully submitted that this Application has not been handled with special dispatch but instead has been unreasonably delayed by the maneuvering of the Examiner to fabricate groundless reasons for denying the Declaration of an Interference. These reasons are set forth in full in the Brief in the subject Application filed

Since this Application relates to reduction of energy consumption in the production of electricity by the combustion of fossil fuels, it is believed that under MPEP 708.02 VI, no fee is required. If, notwithstanding the fact that this Application relates to an improvement in the generation of energy and the improvement of efficiency in combustion of fossil fuels and that Applicant is entitled to handling with special dispatch under 37 C.F.R. 1.607(b), Applicant is

required to pay a fee for this petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i), then any such fee is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0232.

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